

WASHINGTON (January 8, 2010) - Congressman Spencer Bachus and Congressman Artur Davis, joined by the entire Alabama House delegation, will introduce a resolution congratulating the University of Alabama Crimson Tide for winning college football's national championship.

The House resolution will recognize the Crimson Tide for an undefeated season capped by 37-21 victory over the University of Texas Longhorns in the BCS National Championship Game in Pasadena, California last night.

Bachus (AL-6), senior member of the Alabama delegation and lead sponsor, said, "The University of Alabama Crimson Tide showed what can be achieved when an administration, coaches, players, and fans come together for a single purpose. By working hard, overcoming adversity, and always putting the team first, Coach Saban and his players have brought honor to our great state. Alabama has a college football history second to none and just like the great champions of the past, we will be talking about the thrilling accomplishments of this Crimson Tide team for years to come."

Congressman Artur Davis (AL-7) said, "The University of Alabama football team is back where it belongs, and there is every reason to think they will be there for a long time. Their excellence should inspire our state in this second decade of a new century."

Congressman Robert Aderholt (AL-4) said, "Congratulations to the University of Alabama and its football team for winning the National Championship and representing the great state of Alabama with class and humility. The Tide football team has captivated our hearts with a dream-like season and we are so proud of the student-athletes, Coach Nick Saban and his staff, President Dr. Robert Witt, Athletic Director Mal Moore, and the entire University family."

Congressman Jo Bonner (AL-1) said, "All Alabamians can take pride in the Crimson Tide's victory over Texas in the BCS National Championship Game. This crowning achievement is a fitting testament to what a motivated team inspired by exceptional leadership can accomplish. In three short years, Coach Nick Saban and his players have restored the University of Alabama to its rightful place among the best in college football. The young men of Alabama have demonstrated a toughness, resolve, and commitment to each other that will serve them well throughout life. As a representative, an alumnus and a fan, I couldn't be happier with the

Tide's triumph over the talented and determined Longhorns - Roll Tide!"

Congressman Bobby Bright (AL-2) said, "I would like to congratulate the Alabama Crimson Tide for winning its 13th Collegiate Football National Championship. Without question, tremendous teamwork and dedication were on full display Thursday night in Pasadena. Alabama is a very deserving champion, and the Tide's victory is something for which the whole state can be proud. I am pleased to join my fellow Alabama delegation members in commending and recognizing the achievements of the student-athletes, Coach Saban and his staff, and the faculty who made this championship a reality."

Congressman Parker Griffith (AL-5) said, "Alabama football has a tradition of competing with the very best on the national level. This was demonstrated in true form last night as the entire nation watched the University of Alabama bring a National Championship home to our state. This honor was, without a doubt, a team effort extending beyond the players on the field to include families, university administration, support staff, the band, and everyone associated with the University of Alabama. I congratulate Nick Saban, the dedicated Crimson Tide players and coaching staff for their commitment to excellence which earned them this National Championship."

Congressman Mike Rogers (AL-3) said, "I am thrilled for the University of Alabama and proud of the young men who played their hearts out on the field. This is a proud day for our state."

The national championship is the 13th in the history of the University of Alabama. It had last claimed a title in 1992 under Coach Gene Stallings. The program won six national championships under the leadership of the legendary Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant.

The resolution will be formally submitted when the House returns to session on Tuesday.